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SUBJECT: ITALIAN AIRCRAFT SALES TO LIBYA

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1. EMBASSY CORRECT, USG WOULD NOT PERMIT SALE TO LIBYA OF U.S. ENGINES FOR G-222. DEPARTMENT HAD EARLIER INFORMED GENERAL ELECTRIC HERE WHEN COMPANY SOUGHT OUR VIEWS ON MATTER THAT USG WOULD NOT APPROVE MATERIEL FOR LIBYAN ARMED FORCES. ITALIAN EMBASSY, WHICH MADE LOW-KEY APPROACH ON THIS SUBJECT APRIL 4, WAS ADVISED OF SAME.

2. GE ALSO RAISED SUBJECT OF ONGOING DELIVERY OF CH-47 CHINOOKS FROM ITALY TO LIBYA. GE WAS INFORMED THAT USG
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HAD AGREED IN EARLY 1973 TO PERMIT ITALIANS TO MANUFACTURE 20 CH-47'S FOR DELIVERY TO LIBYAN AIR FORCE. SITUATION IN 1973, PARTICULARLY US-LIBYAN RELATIONS, DIFFERENT FROM TODAY. USG WOULD NOT NOW AGREE TO SAME ARRANGEMENT, NOR WOULD USG AGREE TO PERMIT ITALIAN MANUFACTURE OF ADDITIONAL CH-47'S FOR DELIVERY TO LIBYA. GE MENTIONED FIGURES OF 24 AND 26 CHINOOKS; ALSO REFERRED TO INTERAVIA ARTICLE

WHICH MENTIONED "ADDITIONAL 14". DEPARTMENT OFFICER SAID WE HAD APPROVED ITALIAN MANUFACTURE OF ONLY 20 CHINOOKS FOR LIBYA.

3. QUESTION OF SUPPORT FOR 20 CH-47'S INCLUDING TRAINING SOMEWHAT MORE COMPLICATED. AS PART OF ORIGINAL GOI-LARG CHINOOK AGREEMENT THAT USG APPROVED SOME SPARES, SUPPORT AND TRAINING WOULD BE NORMAL. WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO ADDRESS QUESTION UNTIL IT IS SPECIFICALLY RAISED. OUR INITIAL INCLINATION IS FOR USG TO AGREE TO NORMAL ITALIAN SPARES AND SUPPORT BUT TO PROHIBIT ANY SPARES OR TRAINING DIRECTLY FROM U.S. COMPANIES OR SOURCES.

4. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO ASSURE THAT GOVERNMENT OF ITALY FULLY INFORMED ON USG POSITION ON ADDITIONAL CHINOOKS, AS WELL AS ON FIRM USG POSITION TO OPPOSE OR DENY ANY MATERIELS, OVER WHICH USG HAS ANY CONTROL, FOR LIBYAN ARMED FORCES, WHETHER US OR FOREIGN-MANUFACTURED.

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